

## POLICE CUSTODY

THE DETENTION OF PERSONS IN POLICE  
CUSTODY IN NORTHERN IRELAND

A FOLLOW-UP REVIEW OF INSPECTION RECOMMENDATIONS

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# WORK OF THE UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL PREVENTIVE MECHANISM (UK NPM) AND ITS MEMBER BODIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

This Follow-Up Review looking at the detention of men, women and children held in the custody of the **Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)** contributes to work of the United Kingdom National Preventive Mechanism (UK NPM).



The **UK NPM** works to prevent the torture and ill treatment of people deprived of their liberty and to strengthen the protection of people in detention through independent monitoring.

**CJI**, the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (**RQIA**) and the **Northern Ireland Policing Board Independent Custody Visitor Scheme** are members of the UK NPM.



## PSNI CUSTODY SUITES IN NORTHERN IRELAND (OCTOBER 2024)

Seven PSNI custody suites with an estate capacity of 89 cells.  
An additional 27 cells were closed during fieldwork.



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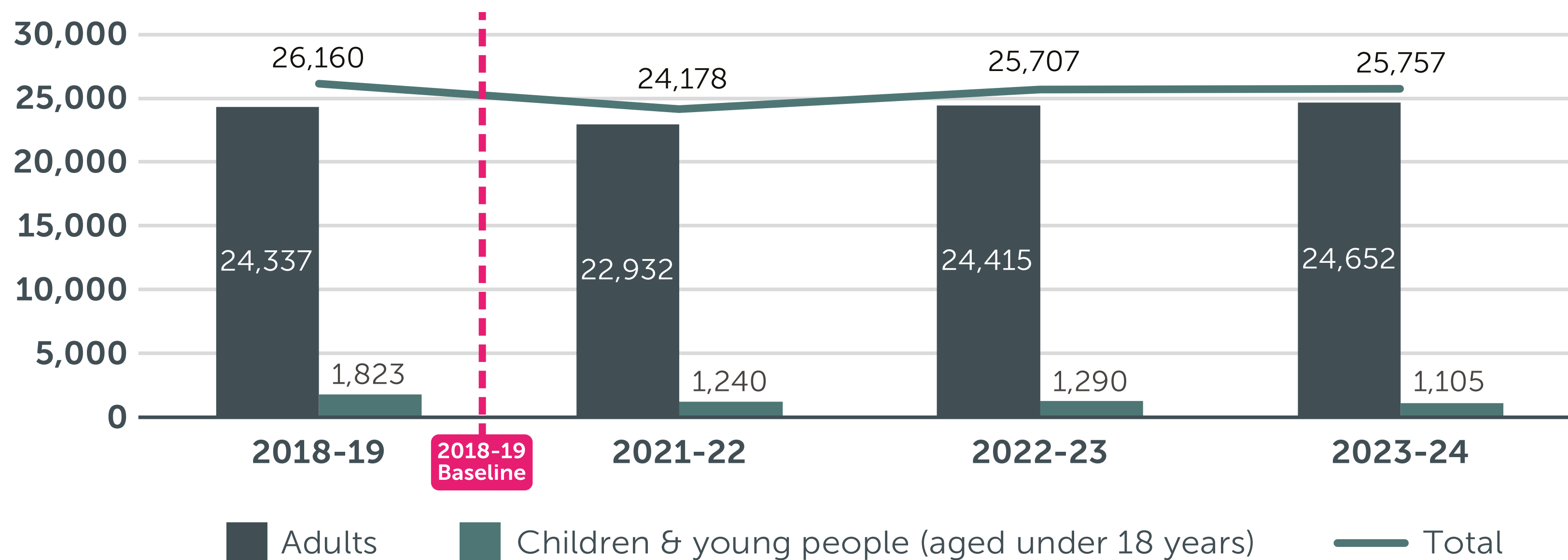
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## PROGRESS AGAINST 2020 CJI-RQIA POLICE CUSTODY INSPECTION RECOMMENDATIONS



**Achieved**

**1 Strategic Recommendation**

**2 Areas for Improvement**



**Partially achieved**

**4 Strategic Recommendations**

**2 Operational Recommendations**

**2 Areas for Improvement**



**Not achieved**

**1 Strategic Recommendation**

**5 Operational Recommendations**

**2 Areas for Improvement**